

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
June 22, 2005**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman*
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman*
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
William G. Bouie
Kevin J. Fay
Kenneth G. Feng
Harry Glasgow
Georgette Kohler*
George E. Lovelace*
Gilbert S. McCutcheon*
Winifred S. Shapiro

***Board Members Absent**

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Seema Ajrawat
Charlie Bittenbring
Bob Brennan
Brian Daly
Cindy Messinger
Miriam Morrison
Judy Pedersen
Lynn Tadlock

Ray Alexander
Leslie Amiri
Mike Baird
Doloris Claytor
Curt Dierdorff
Nick Duray
Karen Falcona
Peter Furey
Kirk Holley
Barbara Nugent
Rex Peters
Leon Plenty
Kay Rutledge
Britta Stratford
Don Sweeney
Janet Tetley
Sue Tibbetts
Ted Zavora

Guests: Young Ho Chang, Director of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation
Ann Rodriguez, Chairman and CEO of the Arts Council of Fairfax County.

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Vajda asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Kane requested that ADMIN 1 Approval – Resolution Recognizing the Contributions of Young Ho Chang be considered first on the June 22, 2005 Board Agenda. Mr. Kane also requested that A-2 Turner Farm Park, Equestrian Agreement be DEFERRED and during CLOSED SESSION staff does not need time for Legal Matters. NOTE: CLOSED SESSION for Land Acquisition Matters and Adoption of Closed Session Minutes – May 25, 2005 would be heard as scheduled. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Vajda welcomed Ann Rodriguez and Ho Chang to the Park Authority Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS / PRESENTATIONS**ADMIN-1 Approval -- Resolution Recognizing the Contributions of Young Ho Chang, Director of Fairfax County Department of Transportation**

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the Resolution honoring Young Ho Chang for his support of the Fairfax County Park Authority; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Lovelace, McCutcheon and Strickland being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Kane read and presented the Resolution to Mr. Chang. Mr. Chang stated that he was honored to receive the resolution. Mr. Chang stated that it was a pleasure working with the Park Authority.

P-1 Introduction of Summer 2005 Interns

The Park Authority Board welcomed thirteen interns for the summer of 2005. Janet Tetley, Park Authority Intern Coordinator, introduced the interns. Individual interns reported their Park Authority assignments and projects for the summer of 2005. The following is a breakdown of Park Authority Divisions where the interns will be working:

Park Services Division

Jose Ferrufino

Annalisa "Lisa" Sukhu

Andrew Assur

Brandi Mangum

Dana Lawrence

Arunava Chatterjee

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Administration Division

Katherine Cole

Resource Management Division

Rachel Roeske

Monique Mullins

Kristen Clark

Planning and Development Division

Keli Garman

Katherine Bryant

Tirzah Breslar

While waiting for the Diversity Committee Briefing to set up, Mr. Vajda moved forward with the following ADMIN-2 item. There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.

ADMIN-2 Adoption of Minutes – May 25 and June 8, 2005, Park Authority Board Meetings

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the minutes of the May 25 and June 8, 2005 Park Authority Board meetings; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Lovelace, McCutcheon and Strickland being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

P-2 Diversity Committee Briefing

Mr. Dierdorff, Ms. Falcona and Mr. Plenty from the agency-wide Diversity Committee presented an overview of the work of this team, including: organizational context, current initiatives, recent accomplishments and future plans. The Diversity Committee was established in 2002 for the purposes of raising awareness of and providing support for diversity-based best practices in the organization.

ACTION ITEMS

Acting Chairman Vajda gave Mrs. Shapiro the gavel.

A-1 Lease Agreements with the Arts Council of Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust for the Fred M. Packard Center

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 1, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

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Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the lease agreements with the Arts Council of Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust for the Fred M. Packard Center. (Mr. Vajda noted that the lease agreement remains at \$7.50 for only one year before being reviewed again); **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Lovelace, McCutcheon and Strickland being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

Mrs. Shapiro returned the gavel to Acting Chairman Vajda.

A-2 Turner Farm Park, Equestrian Agreement

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 1, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

This item was DEFERRED.

A-3 Reallocation of Project Balance from Fund 371; General Park Improvement Projects

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on June 22, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the re-allocation of outstanding project balances from previously approved and completed General Park Improvement projects to address other capital maintenance needs; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Lovelace, McCutcheon and Strickland being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

INFORMATION ITEM

I-1 Laurel Hill Golf Summer Deer Herd Reduction

This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on June 8, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding Laurel Hill Golf Summer Deer Herd Reduction. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Mr. Strickland was absent. Acting Chairman Vajda had no CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS.

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DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- **New Manager at Green Spring Gardens**

Mr. Kane announced that Mary Olien has been hired as the new manager of Green Spring Gardens. Ms. Olien will take her post on July 16. Ms. Olien has earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture from Virginia Tech, her Masters degree from the University of Michigan, and has logged additional hours at Clemson University.

On behalf of the Park Authority Board and staff, Mr. Kane welcomed Ms. Olien to her new post.

- **Laurel Hill Public and Private Partnership Wins NACo Achievement Award in Community/Economic Development Category**

***Background:** NACO's annual Achievement Award Program which began in 1970 is a non-competitive awards program that seeks to recognize innovative county government programs called County Model Programs. The Achievement Awards Program gives national recognition to county accomplishments, and has enabled NACo to build a storehouse of county success stories that can be passed on to other counties.*

Mr. Kane reported that the Laurel Hill Public and Private Partnership won the National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award in the Community / Economic Development Category.

In 2003, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County School Board, the Fairfax County Park Authority, and the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority executed a public/private partnership to construct a new county high school on property previously owned by the federal government and formerly used as a prison complex for the District of Columbia. The partnership was designed to accelerate the opening of a new high school at least three years in advance of the county's projected capability to fund construction, and promote redevelopment in a rapidly growing area of Fairfax County. The final project agreement, which was negotiated with a private developer in just six months, provided for the accelerated construction of the new high school and road improvements by contributing the proceeds of the sale of approximately 46 acres of adjacent property to the developer for redevelopment as a senior living campus and graduated care facility, provided for off-site demolition of unusable structures elsewhere on the prison site, and financed the design and construction of a new publicly owned and operated golf course adjacent to both properties to enhance the sale value to the county of the redevelopment property.

- **Laurel Hill Park 2232 Application**

The 2232 hearing for Laurel Hill Park scheduled for June 16, 2005, was deferred until July 14, 2005. The deferral is the result of requests made by the South County Federation to have more time to review the staff report for the 2232 application. The deferral does not directly impact any proposed development planned for the Laurel Hill Park site.

- **Tri-County Parkway Location Study – Draft Environmental Impact Study and Draft Section 4(F) Evaluation (DEIS)**

Mr. Kane reported that the Park Authority provided written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statements for both proposed roadways for the Sully District. The Park Authority's concerns and opposition to the alignments that seriously impact significant resources on parkland are in the public record.

Public hearings were held in May on both studies and a summary of public comments is being compiled for both studies.

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is coordinating County agency comments and has provided comments on the Tri-County Parkway that include concerns expressed by the Park Authority. Similar comments will be forthcoming from FCDOT on the Manassas Bypass. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation will be taking a Board of Supervisors' item forward on July 25, 2005 on the Tri-County Parkway and a future Board of Supervisors' item on the Manassas Bypass, probably on September 12, 2005. Due to the uncertainty with change in command in FCDOT these Board of Supervisors dates are tentative.

Both studies are now being more closely coordinated and are on the same schedule. Both studies will be considered concurrently by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in September. It is anticipated that all agency and locality comments and positions be will in place by then.

Appointed by the Governor, the 17-member (CTB) establishes the administrative policies for Virginia's transportation system and allocates highway funding to specific projects, locates routes and provides funding for airports, seaports and public transportation.

There is a joint workshop with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to consider both studies that is scheduled for September 14, 2005, prior to the regular CTB meeting on September 15, 2005. Following CTB action, the final EIS will be completed for each study with recommended alignments. A period for public comment and then a Final Decision by the CTB will be made.

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Mr. Kane reported that he and Mr. Strickland had met with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority on June 8, 2005, to discuss this particular project and a few other projects. A communication plan was established so that the agencies work together to develop comments to the Board of Supervisors as well as providing comments to Friend's Groups and other associated groups interested in these particular roadways. Mr. Fay suggested that this topic be broached with the National Park Service.

Mr. Kane noted that due to a conflict the meeting scheduled to discuss this topic with Board of Supervisors' Chairman Connolly on July 8, 2005, will be rescheduled.

- **Second Place for Celebrate Fairfax**

Mr. Kane reported that the Park Authority participated in Celebrate Fairfax from June 10 through June 12, 2005, with the theme creating a "Window to our Parks." Working closely with the Resource Management Division, Park Operations Division, agency volunteers as well as volunteer archaeologists the Park Authority provided a taste of history, a bit of cultural awareness, and a smidgeon of information about the natural world.

And apparently, the Park Authority did it quite well as Celebrate Fairfax gave the Park Authority a second place for Creativity. Our critique noted that the "Reptile Show was very effective in drawing in fairgoers to provide information"; that "the Park Authority had a good balance between visual displays and graphics" and that "the Park Authority staff was enthusiastic".

Mr. Kane thanked everyone who helped in this effort.

- **Langley Forks Park**

Mr. Kane stated that the agreement with the Potomac School for use of Langley Fork Park for student drop-off and pick-up had been approved by the National Park Services. Attorneys for the Park Authority and the National Park Service indicated that the agreement previously provided the Park Authority Board does not need to be changed. This information was communicated to the attorney for Potomac School and the Park Authority believes that the agreement will be signed sometime in early July 2005.

- **Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Parks and Recreation Element of the Policy Plan**

Mr. Kane reported that on June 20, 2005, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Parks and Recreation Element of the Policy Plan. This is one of the many positive products to come from the work associated with the Needs Assessment and the collaboration of a committed citizen task force who worked with staff from Planning and Zoning and the Park Authority to develop the amendment language.

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This was the first amendment to this portion of the Plan in 15 years and incorporates many of the positive strategies from the 1995 Park Authority Comprehensive Plan.

The next step will be to develop a schedule to begin Area Plan revisions. This process will review each park site in the plan and provide contemporary information about its classification, characteristics, and facilities, and identify park and recreation deficiencies that are unique to different areas and communities within the County. The planning process is likely to start before the end of this year with public input likely beginning in early 2006.

On behalf of the Park Authority, Mr. Kane extended his thanks to:

- Ed Batten for representing the Board on the citizen task force;
- Harry Glasgow for serving initially on the task force as a citizen representative and then, following his Board appointment, as support for Mr. Batten as a Board representative;
- Department of Planning and Zoning staff members Fred Seldon and David Marshall for their analysis and support;
- Lynn Tadlock for her leadership and application of lessons learned;
- Kirk Holley and Sandy Stallman for their creation of compromise language and strong project management skills that resulted in the citizen support necessary to gain approval of the amendment.

Mr. Batten reported that he had sent Sandy Stallman a letter expressing his appreciation for her leadership and her ability to keep the task at-hand in focus.

- **Lake Accotink Dredging**

Mr. Kane stated that on Monday, June 20, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved an item that allocated funding from their Stormwater Management Program for next year to the Lake Accotink dredging project. Jimmie Jenkins, Director of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, intends to bring a contract award before the Board of Supervisors for the dredging on the first Monday of August 2005.

- **Elly Doyle Nominations**

Ms. Pedersen reminded Board Members that July 8, 2005, is the deadline for nominations for the Elly Doyle Awards. As soon as applications are received she will bring them to the Elly Doyle Committee for selection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Mr. Strickland

Members: Ms. Malone and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Mr. Kane

Mr. Vajda, Member of the Executive Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated June 1, 2005. Mr. Strickland stated that the committee meets prior to all board meetings and on the Park Authority Board's Committee Day. The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2005.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Administration and Management Committee**

Chairman: Ed Batten

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mr. Bouie, Mr. Feng, and Mr. Lovelace

Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Division Director for Administration

Mr. Batten, Chairman of the Administration and Management Committee, reported that the Joint Administration and Management, and the Park Operations Committee minutes dated May 4, 2005 would be forthcoming. The next committee meeting would be announced.

Budget Committee

Chairman: Mr. Feng

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Bouie, and Mr. Fay

Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Chief Financial Officer, Administration Division

Mr. Feng, Chairman of the Budget Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated May 11, 2005. The committee minutes dated June 22, 2005 would be forthcoming. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 13, 2005.

Planning and Development Committee

Chairman: Mrs. Shapiro

Members: Ms. Malone, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Lynn Tadlock, Division Director for Planning and Development

Mrs. Shapiro, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated June 1, 2005. The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2005.

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Park Operations Committee

Chairman: Ms. Malone

Members: Mr. Bouie, Mr. Fay, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Lovelace, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Brian Daly, Division Director for Park Operations

Mr. Vajda, Member of the Park Operations Committee, reported that the Joint Administration and Management, and the Park Operations Committee minutes dated May 4, 2005 and the Park Operations Committee minutes dated June 1, 2005, would be forthcoming. The next committee meeting would be announced.

Resource Management Committee

Chairman: Mr. Vajda

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. Glasgow, and Mr. McCutcheon

Staff: Cindy Messinger, Division Director for Resource Management

Mr. Vajda, Chairman of the Resource Management Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated June 8, 2005. The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 13, 2005.

Park Services Committee

Chairman: Mr. McCutcheon

Members: Mr. Batten, Mr. Bouie, Mr. Feng, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Lovelace, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Charlie Bittenbring, Division Director for Park Services

Mr. Batten, Member of the Park Services Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated June 1, 2005. The next committee meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2005.

FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Vajda requested that the Budget Committee minutes dated May 11, 2005, the Executive Committee minutes dated June 1, 2005, the Park Services Committee minutes dated June 1, 2005, the Planning and Development Committee minutes dated June 1, 2005, and the Resource Management Committee minutes dated June 8, 2005, be entered into the record. **IN THE ABSENCE OF AN OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.**

BOARD MATTERS

- **Joanne E. Malone**
Ms. Malone was absent.

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- **Frank S. Vajda**
Mr. Vajda had no BOARD MATTERS.
- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**
Mr. McCutcheon was absent.
- **Winifred S. Shapiro**
Mrs. Shapiro had no BOARD MATTERS.
- **Kenneth G. Feng**
Mr. Feng invited Board Members to attend the Thursday, June 30, 2005 re-dedication ceremony for South Run Field House starting at 6:30 pm. Mr. Feng reported that Board of Supervisors Chairman Connolly is expected to attend.

Mr. Feng stated that he will be out-of-town from July 11 through July 23, 2005. Mr. Feng stated that Mrs. Shapiro has agreed to chair the Budget Committee meeting on July 13, 2005.
- **Kevin J. Fay**
Mr. Fay had no BOARD MATTERS.
- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**
Mr. Batten had no BOARD MATTERS.
- **Georgette Kohler**
Ms. Kohler was absent.
- **George E. Lovelace**
Mr. Lovelace was absent.
- **Harrison A. Glasgow**
Mr. Glasgow commended Sandy Stallman's work on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Parks and Recreation Element of the Policy Plan. Mr. Glasgow stated that the best quality that Sandy has is patience. The Park Authority is truly blessed to this kind of employee on staff.
- **William G. Bouie**
On behalf of the Reston Community Center Board of Governors, Mr. Bouie thanked Charlie Bittenbring and the staff at Cub Run RECenter for a magnificent tour of the facility.

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Mr. Bouie stated that he will be out-of-town from July 18 through August 17, 2005.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:40 p.m. Mrs. Shapiro **MOVED** the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for

- a. Discussion of the acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of this public body in **Mason District** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2 – 3711(A)(3)
- b. Discussion of Closed Session Minutes dated **May 25, 2005** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2.3712(H).

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow.

- Update on Land Acquisition in the Mason District
- Closed Session Minutes dated May 25, 2005

The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Lovelace, McCutcheon and Strickland being absent.

Land Acquisition Matters and Closed Session Minutes were discussed.

At 9:07 p.m. Mrs. Shapiro **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Lovelace, McCutcheon and Strickland being absent..

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Shapiro **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; **SECONDED** by Mr. Batten and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Lovelace, McCutcheon and Strickland being absent.

ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

NOTE: For consistency in reporting and future research, the Administrative Assistant keeps all items in numerical order as discussed during Closed Session.

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C-1. Update on Land Acquisition in the Mason District

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board request staff to proceed with the purchase of property in the Mason District under the terms discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Batten and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Lovelace, McCutcheon and Strickland being absent.

C-2. Closed Session Minutes dated May 25, 2005

Mr. Glasgow **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Closed Session Minutes dated May 25, 2005; **SECONDED** by Mr. Batten and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Lovelace, McCutcheon and Strickland being absent.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:09 p.m. Mr. Vajda **ADJOURNED** the Park Authority Board meeting. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board**

Frank S. Vajda
Secretary-Treasurer

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on July 13, 2005

Michael A. Kane, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

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